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SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

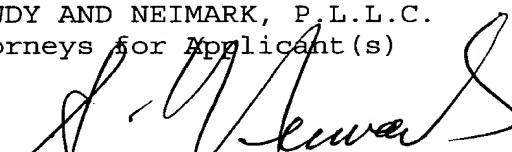
Applicants filed their brief in this case 13 months ago, but have heard nothing from the PTO since then. In accordance with the requirements of the Patent and Trademark Office, the applicants hereby make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore requests a written reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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